
The Future of Health & Allied Health Care Training in the West



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Challenges and Opportunities

- Changing Demographics
- Multiple Professions
- Wide Array of Educational Levels
- Medical Arms Race vs. Accessibility, Availability and Acceptability
- Chronic Shortages vs. Oversupply



IOM – Crossing the Quality Chasm

Five Core Competencies –

- patient-centered care
- work in inter-disciplinary teams
- employ evidence-based practice
- apply quality improvement
- utilize informatics



Serious Issues Raised by the Institute of Medicine

- Between 44,000-98,000 deaths each year because of medical error.
- 17 year lag time between scientific discovery of more effective treatments and routine adoption in care settings.
- In a recent study, fewer than 60% of persons in care were actually receiving recommended (guideline specific) care.

What's on the horizon?

